

GRUESOME TALES ARE TOLD OF BRUTALITY TO FLORIDA CONVICTS

Tallahassee, Fla., April 17.—The joint committee of the Florida legislature, investigating reported brutalities in state and county convict camps today heard gruesome testimony in connection with the death of Martin Tabert of North Dakota, who died while serving a sentence in the camp of the Putnam Lumber Company near Clara, Fla.

A. B. Shivers, former convict guard at the Putnam camp, held the committee spellbound as he related how prisoners were flogged by the "whipping boss." He declared the whipping was a daily occurrence, and that from one to five men were whipped each day to the best of his knowledge. He was employed by the company for more than six months, he said.

Shivers was grilled into giving minor details, and he named Walter Higginbotham, now under a first degree murder indictment, as the "whipping boss" of the camp, and who gave Tabert more than 100 licks, he said, with a heavy strap four days before the youth died.

Convicts Witnessed Flogging.
In describing the whipping, the witness arose to his feet and gave a demonstration of the actions of the "whipping boss." He declared this particular whipping administered to Tabert was done in the presence of 80 to 100 prisoners and guards, that after more than 100 licks had been given the youth, the "whipping boss" followed the youth as he staggered in a half circle to the camp hitting him over the head with the handle of the strap.

Prior to Shivers taking the stand, J. R. Jones, of Tallahassee, testified as to his arrest, conviction and leasing of Tabert to the lumber company. During his testimony the sheriff was questioned as to the leasing of Ned Thompson, a 60-year-old negro, who was sent to the Putnam camp after a peace warrant had been taken out against him by a white man. The negro was returned under no sentence, according to court records.

Witnesses have been summoned who will testify, it is charged, that the negro was whipped so severely at the camp that he was returned to Sheriff Jones he was to receive \$20 for each man he delivered to the camp. He further admitted that after adding various fees and deducting the cost of transportation of prisoners under guard from Tallahassee to the camp, a distance of 65 miles, he would average a profit of approximately \$25 on each prisoner.

The sheriff was closely examined as to Tabert. He said he remembered having had in custody a man by that name and that he entered a plea of guilty to riding a freight train through Tallahassee. After being sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 or three months at hard labor, Sheriff Jones said he did not recall whether Tabert made any effort to pay the fine. The officer declared two days after Tabert was sentenced, he was taken to the lease camp and that he received \$20 for his delivery.

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TORNADO DAMAGES LOUISIANA TOWN

Alexandria, La., April 12.—Several persons were injured, fifteen houses wrecked and other damage was done when a tornado struck Meridian, La., a saw mill town thirty miles south of here early today, according to meagre reports reaching here.

Among the injured were Mrs. Woods and Louis Woods, saw mill commissary clerk. From four to six negroes were killed. The heaviest damage was in two blocks of houses on the western side of the town.

The tornado was slightly felt in other parts of central Louisiana where there were heavy rain storms during the night and early morning. No damage of consequence was reported.

A cyclone sweeping through central Louisiana within the past week took a toll of 15 lives and more than \$750,000 property loss.

Mr. Tommie Champion, of Opp, was a visitor at Elba this week.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Rowe, of Brundidge, visited relatives at Elba Sunday.

All kinds of feed stuff at Vaughn & Kendrick's.

Editor J. H. Singleton, of Enterprise, was a visitor at Elba Monday.

Miss Eva Lee, teacher in the Opp schools, was the guest of Elba relatives Sunday.

Mr. Annie King and daughter, Mrs. Anita, of Opp, spent the week end with relatives at Elba.

Ex-County Treasurer W. M. Bailey passed through Lumberton Friday on his way to visit his son Will Bailey of Elba, Crumshaw County News.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coleman, of Oklawaha City, Fla., have been spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ham.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyd returned the latter part of last week from Samson where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mize.

Dr. G. A. Hammond, of Dothan, spent several days here last week looking after business interests and greeting his many friends.

Bring us your shelled corn, we pay \$1.25 per bushel in trade or on account.

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TROY MAN SEVERES JUGULAR VEIN; DIES

Troy, Ala., April 11.—James Walters, of Troy, who was a fit taken to the lease camp and that he received \$20 for his delivery.

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FOURTH PAYMENT TO MAN IS INJURED IN BE MADE TO COTTON BUREAU MEMBERS

Montgomery, April 17.—Distribution of nearly three-fourths of a million dollars to the members of the Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association during late April and early May is announced by Allen Northington, general manager. The distribution of this money will be the fourth payment for the members of the Association and will be for 2 cents per pound, bringing the total to 22 cents per pound, basis middling. The writing of the check and other necessary work in making this payment is now in progress and by May 10 all checks will be in the hands of the members.

It will be recalled that when cotton was delivered to the Association last fall each member who requested it, was advanced 12c per pound; that this was increased to 15c per pound and that a third payment of 5c per pound bringing the total up to 20c per pound was made during February.

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TO AUTO OWNERS--

I WISH TO ANNOUNCE TO THE PUBLIC THAT I HAVE BOUGHT MR. BROWN'S INTEREST IN THE GARAGE AND AM NOW RUNNING THE SHOP FOR MYSELF. AM IN POSITION TO HANDLE REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS ON ANY MAKE OF CAR. ALL WORK ABSOLUTELY GUARANTEED OR NO PAY. WILL BE MY MOTTO.

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BUILDING BOOM IS ON AT NEW BROCKTON

With summer coming on, New Brockton is preparing for big business next fall. D. G. Wood is completing two handsome new brick buildings that were recently destroyed by fire. These two stores are a credit to our town. They are built with all modern conveniences and will be the pride of the town. Mr. Wood and Sons, will occupy one of the buildings and we understand they will carry a full line of general merchandise, etc. We predict a very successful business for this firm. Mr. Jones is one of our most popular citizens.

J. W. Maddox, one of our leading citizens, has just let a contract for one of the largest gin in Coffee County. The new gin will have all modern conveniences and will be the pride of the town. Mr. Maddox expects to invest \$20,000 or more in improvements to his gin, which will consist of a new Cole Oil Engine, a new Lummin Gin Outfit, consisting of four twelve inch eight saw gins. This will be in addition to the gin outfit which he already has and will be sufficient to take care of all the cotton in this territory.

Mr. Maddox also has one of the largest Warehouses in this section, and with the new addition to his plant he will be in position to handle the cotton without the farmer having to bother with it after driving out the gin. We understand that Mr. Maddox will be able to handle a bale of cotton every seven minutes.

The people of New Brockton feel proud of Mr. Maddox. He was raised near this town and we call him one of our boys. We predict a very successful business for him, as he delights in investing his money in our community for the benefit of the town and the welfare of the farmers. His storage house has been built with all modern conveniences.

Brookton Produce Company now has its new storage house completed. This is a large storage house and will be a great accommodation to the farmers. Their storage house has been built with all modern conveniences.

New Brockton Drug Company is having its store repainted and remodeled, and will have one of the most up-to-date drug stores in the country. We predict a very successful business for this firm under its new management.

Mr. Henry Law is our new Postmaster now, and we wish her the very best of success. She is one of our leading ladies and we are glad to welcome her in her new field.

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FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT COOL SPRINGS

Following is the program arranged for the Fifth Sunday Meeting to be held at Cool Springs Church, four miles South of Enterprise, on the fifth Sunday in April. MORNING. 9:30. Devotional exercises by Rev. Pastor. 9:45. Planning for our summer revivals—by Rev. Luther Gaines. 10:15. The meaning of our Centennial and how best to use it—by G. W. Carlisle. 10:45. Baptist in History—by Dr. J. A. Lowery. 11:15. Sermon—by Rev. J. O. Collier. 12:00. Dinner. AFTERNOON. 2:30. Devotional exercises by Dr. J. A. Lowery. 2:45. What are the Religious Needs of the Coffee County Association—by J. A. Carlisle. 2:55. Organized Class Demonstration—by Noble Y. Beall. 3:30. Winning to Christ—by J. B. Martin. 3:45. Winning to Service—by Rev. R. D. Bevis. 3:00. Carrying the Organized Class Work throughout the Association—by Mrs. L. L. Comer. W. C. Braswell, President. J. D. Willis, Secretary.

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HE'S GOT THE STUFF.

Henry Ford's cash balance still exceeds \$200,000,000, in spite of his recent numerous large purchases of coal properties, timber lands, water sites and other investments, it was declared last week in the Wall Street Journal, which published the Detroit capitalist's telegraphic answers to a questionnaire recently sent him by the newspaper. The manufacturer added that he had no present intention of going into the market to borrow money.

Misfortune fell thick and fast on J. L. Carroll of Chester, S. C., on last Sunday. First his home burned. Then his wife died suddenly as a result of the excitement and finally his son, J. L. Carroll, Jr., was sent to a hospital seriously injured while fighting the fire.

A WELCOME VISITOR.

Mr. Alto L. Barker, a chief yeoman in the U. S. Navy, and now on recruiting duty in charge of the Birmingham recruiting station, was a pleasant caller at the News office Saturday. Mr. Barker is the son of W. L. Barker who resided here a few years ago, but now a resident of Andalusia. He has been in the Navy seven years, six of which he has spent in foreign lands and his many friends will be glad to learn that he has returned to his native state to work his eighteen months duty on shore. —Opp Weekly News.

The Mexican bull weevil entered the state of Alabama in the western part of Mobile county in the year 1910 and has gradually spread until today the entire state is infested seriously by the pest.

DR. C. S. ALLRED

—DENTIST—

OFFICE MAY BUILDING

Kill Flies Before They are Born

Flies breed in filth and carry it where they go. One well-known breeding place is the out-house, which, in some communities, is a necessary evil. The danger of disease from this source can be largely overcome by the use of Giant Lye. This powerful solvent destroys instantly the eggs of flies and mosquitoes. It sterilizes and deodorizes everything it touches. In no other way can this menace to health be so fully met. Giant Lye costs so little you can afford to use it lavishly.

DIRECTIONS: Sprinkle either the top of the out-house or the walls and corners of the out-house with Giant Lye once a week.

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For 16 years the Best Fly and Mosquito Destroyer

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REV. D. P. LEE LEAVES LUVERNE FOR CAIRO

Rev. D. P. Lee, who has served the Luverne Baptist Church since the summer of 1921, as pastor, is leaving this week to begin service of the Baptist Church at Cairo, Ga., where he has accepted a call. Brother Lee leaves everybody as his friend. His membership in the Baptist Church, and the public generally esteem him as not only an able preacher, but a scholarly Christian gentleman. He leaves to enter a larger field of service and while Luverne feels keenly his loss, all join in wishing him not only success in his new field but that happiness that results from a useful life. Luverne Baptist Church is without a pastor at this time, but it is hoped that we will soon be able to secure one.—Crenshaw County News.

YARBROUGH SANATORIUM TO GO TO MONTGOMERY.

Dr. J. F. Yarbrough, whose institution for the treatment of pellagra and kindred gastrointestinal troubles at Columbia has been some months ago and who has since been at Dothan, has purchased property in Montgomery, where a 40-bed institution will be fitted up. Dr. Yarbrough's work in treatment of pellagra, said to be the first successful treatment devised, has attracted much attention and many imitators. His sanatorium, however, has not been restricted to pellagra patients, his specialties including Bright's disease, rheumatism and other kindred ailments.

SHOOTING KIDNAPERS.

Muscogee, Okla., April 21.—Volney Hughes shot at least one of two men who attempted to kidnap him from his home on the outskirts of the city tonight, according to reports to the police. Hughes said the men picked up a wounded comrade and drove away in several automobiles.

STATEMENT

Of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, Etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of The Elba Clipper, published weekly at Elba, Alabama, for April 18, 1923.

State of Alabama, Coffee County, ss.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said State and County aforesaid, personally appeared R. C. Bryan, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposed and says that he is the Editor and Owner of The Elba Clipper and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, and circulation, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 1433, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

1. That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager is: R. C. Bryan, Elba, Alabama.

2. That the owners are: (Give names of and addresses of individual owners, or, if a corporation, give its name and the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of the total amount of stock.) R. C. Bryan, Elba, Alabama.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none so state.) Intertype Corporation, Brooklyn, New York, holds notes on Intertype Machine.

R. C. BRYAN, Editor and Owner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of April, 1923.

J. L. MCKSON, N. P. (My Commission expires 1924)

Columbus, as master of the fleet which discovered America received \$800 a year as wages.

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State of Alabama, Coffee County, In Circuit Court, in Equity, at Elba, Alabama.

P. B. Taylor, I. E. Taylor, et als, VS Mary Bowden, et als.

By virtue of a decree rendered on April 12th, 1923, in the Circuit Court in Equity at Elba, Alabama, Coffee County, in said cause, I shall proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at public auction, at the Court house door in Coffee County in the town of Elba, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, the 30th day of April, 1923, the following described property, to-wit: Lots Nos. 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 in Block 31 of West Elba, on which there is located two five-room frame dwellings, all situated in Elba, Coffee County, Alabama.

Said property will be sold in lots or parcels, or as a whole.

This, the 14th day of April, 1923.

S. H. BROCK, Register.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

State of Alabama, Coffee County, In Circuit Court, in Equity, Elizabeth McCollough, et als, Complainants, VS Emma Deal, et als, Respondents.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Register by affidavit of W. W. Sanders attorney for Complainant, that the Defendants, J. P. Stuart Deal and Levi Deal, are of twenty-one years, it is therefore ordered by the Register that publication be made in The Elba Clipper, a newspaper published in Elba, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring them, said J. P. Stuart Deal and Levi Deal, to plead, answer or demur to the bill of Complaint in this cause by the 14th day of May, 1923, or in thirty days thereafter a decree Pro Confesso may be taken against them.

Done at office in Elba, Alabama, this 12th day of April, 1923.

S. H. BROCK, Register.

USED CARS FOR SALE

Buick Four, touring car in perfect condition.....300.00

Ford, light Truck, nearly new, with cab and starter.....400.00

Ford Touring, with starter, in good shape.....250.00

Buick Six, Touring Car, runs good.....250.00

Baby Overland Touring Car, nearly new.....450.00

Ford Racer, with starter, top and windshield, in good shape.....200.00

1 Ford touring with starter, perfect shape.....300.00

Overland, 5 passenger in good running order.....550.00

Studebaker, 7 pas, in splendid condition.....820.00

Hupmobile excellent condition, perfect shape.....820.00

Overland, 5 pas, worth \$400 going at.....820.00

Dodge Touring, in good shape, there are not so state.....350.00

1924 Ford Touring.....\$75.00

1920 Ford Touring with Starter, perfect shape.....\$225.00

One Sport Model Chandler in perfect shape.....\$200.00

Ford Coupe, fine shape, 300.00

Ford Touring, in good running shape.....125.00

Ellis-Johnson Company,

ELBA, ALABAMA.

WILL DRILL ANOTHER OIL WELL NEAR COLUMBIA; FIRST FAILS

The Columbia Intercoastal Oil Co., of which Mr. Robert Newman of this place is president and in which practically every Abbeville business man is interested as a stockholder, will shortly begin the drilling of another oil well on its 15,000-acre leasehold between Columbia and Gordon in Houston county.

This company was organized last fall by business men of Abbeville and Dothan with an authorized capital of \$60,000.00. Half of that amount has been paid up and was expended by the company in drilling its first test well five miles below Columbia on the Columbia and Gordon road. This well has now been definitely abandoned at a depth of 2,600 feet. The first oil sands were struck at a depth of 2,300 feet and an effort was made to bring in a well at that depth but a heavy flow of artesian water could not be controlled and it was decided to go deeper.

At 2,600 feet caving quick sands, loosened by the artesian flow, settled tightly around the drill stem and hung the bit and the well had to be abandoned. The showings in this well were so encouraging as to lead some interested to believe they were actually in a great oil field, and this belief is confirmed by expert oil men and geologists who visited the well during the drilling operations.

The second well will be drilled with standard or cable tool and will be cased and baled as the work proceeds. This will insure an open hole all the way down and give accurate knowledge as to the formations on every foot of the well.

The company is now raising the balance of its \$60,000.00 of authorized capital stock and the greater part of it has already been subscribed. The new well will be drilled close to the old one and the work is expected to start just as soon as the necessary funds are made available.—Abbeville Herald.

R. S. MUNGER, NOTED INVENTOR DIES AT BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham, Ala., April 20.—R. S. Munger, inventor and philanthropist, died at his home here, early today, after an illness extending over a period of several weeks. He was the inventor of the cotton ginning and at the time of his death was vice-president of the Continental Gin company which controls many of its patents. His invention stopped the laborious process of unloading cotton by hand, a suction system devised taking the place of hand labor.

Mr. Munger was a pillar in the Methodist Episcopal church and a great friend of education. His gifts to Birmingham-Southern college and other institutions in this section, had been lavish. Two years ago he was awarded the Birmingham News' loving cup, given by a board of judges who declared he had done more for his community during the year that had passed than any other man.

The Munger home, old-fashioned and plain, situated in the center of rolling acres, is one of the show places of Birmingham. Mr. Munger lived a simple life and was loved by his neighbors.

Will Keep Bill Busy.

It looks now like the bill weevil will have to cut up a lot of cotton to keep the price of the staple up.—Southern Democrat, Oenota.

Many Do, These Days.

The woman who married a man to reform him doubtless wished she had chloroformed him.—Eufaula Citizen.

Waive notes in the books at Clipper office.

Be Careful and Systematic

People who pay their bills by check get a reputation for being CAREFUL and SYSTEMATIC in their business dealings. Such a reputation means much in the establishment of credit. It costs no more to pay your money out by check than it does to use the hard cash, and you have the advantage of having it in a place that is absolutely SAFE.

To have MONEY IN THE BANK is of itself a valuable asset in the establishment of credit. And it is possible to practically everyone without a cent of cash. It takes no more money to do business by the checking method than it does by the cash-in-hand method.

We invite you to open a checking account with us. We will help you to make your account a real convenience.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ELBA

L. A. BOYD, President H. C. JOHNSON, Active V-Pres. W. W. SANDERS, Vice-President. O. A. ELLIS, Cashier.

Nice, Fresh Candies---

WE HAVE RECENTLY INSTALLED A LARGE CANDY REFRIGERATOR, AND ALTHOUGH THE WEATHER IS GETTING A LITTLE WARM, OUR CANDIES ARE GOOD AND FRESH AND ARE KEPT ICE COLD.

WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF THAT FAMOUS "WHITMAN'S CANDY"

IN SMALL AND LARGE PACKAGES, BESIDES HUNDREDS OF SMALL PACKAGE GOODS.

TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW CANDY CASE.

MAYS-WHITMAN DRUG COMPANY

QUALITY "A REAL DRUG STORE" SERVICE

PUBLIC SALES

The golden rule is popularly known as the state flower of Alabama although it has no official sanction other than that of a scattered vote of the school children of the state.

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RAID ON FREIGHT CAR NETS 5,000 QUARTS

Birmingham, Ala., April 19.—Five thousand, two hundred and fifty quarts of liquor were seized in a freight car on the tracks of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad here this afternoon by federal prohibition enforcement officials, railroad special agents and police, it is reported.

The whiskey was consigned to the Star Lumber company, Chicago, and the shipper was C. A. Griffin, St. Mary's, Ga., according to officials of the railroad, whose agents assisted in making the seizure. The whiskey was in 175 boxes of 30 quarts each and was camouflaged with several layers of lumber and consigned "lumber." Federal officers immediately ordered a truck and began preparations to transport the liquor to the federal building here.

FOR SALE.—

One three-rope team of oxen and a good dray. This team is in good condition. For cash. See me at my residence, A. C. Brunson, Elba, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hammond, of Birmingham, are guests of relatives at Elba for a few days.

Bring us your shelled corn, we pay \$1.25 per bushel in trade or on account. Vaughn & Kendrick.

FARM WANTED.—Wanted to hear from owner of farm or good land for sale, for fall delivery. L. Jones, Box 662, Olney, Illinois.

Report of Condition of the FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK Located at Elba, Ala., at the close of business April 20th, 1923.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$67,112.98
Overdrafts	7.99
Banking House	1,600.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,362.50
Other Real Estate	4,694.90
CASH:	
Currency	\$12,129.00
Gold	327.50
Silver Nickels and Pennies	1,131.31
Total	2,577.81
Due from Banks	6,915.31
Checks and Cash Items	699.70
Reserve for Loss	13,212.18
TOTAL	\$98,383.37
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock Paid In	\$36,400.00
Surplus Fund	5,594.49
Unpaid Profits/Loss Expenses and Taxes paid	3,785.85
Reserve for Taxes and Interest	20.26
DEMAND DEPOSITS:	
Individual Deposits	\$33,737.41
Cashier's Checks	1,339.06
TOTAL	35,076.47
TIME DEPOSITS:	
Savings	11,981.36
TOTAL	11,981.36
Notes and Bills Payable	7,500.00
Other Liabilities, Over and Short	24.96
TOTAL	\$98,383.37

The Stat. of Alabama, Coffee County. Before me came J. F. Brunson, Cashier of Farmers & Merchants Bank of Elba, Ala., who being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statement is true and gives the actual condition of said Bank, as shown by the books on file in said Bank.

J. F. BRUNSON, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 23rd day of April, 1923.
W. L. STEPHENS, N. P.
ATTEST: W. M. Brunson, F. A. Symonds, C. H. Rhodes, Directors.

CONVICT GIVEN MORE THAN 100 BLOWS ACCORDING TO WITNESS

Tallahassee, Fla., April 21.—The high water mark in the number of lashes alleged to have been administered to Martin Tabert, the North Dakota youth who died while serving as a convict in a private lease camp at Clara, Fla., marked the testimony presented today to the joint legislative committee investigating reported brutalities to prisoners.

M. B. Bell, a former guard at the Putnam Lumber Company, where Tabert died fourteen months ago, said he counted 119 blows struck by Walter Higginbotham, whipping boss, now under indictment of first degree murder in connection with the Dakotan's death. Higginbotham testified on Thursday that he hit Tabert ten "gentle" blows and that the boy was able to return to work the following day.

Other witnesses testified today that they prepared the body for burial, and one Arthur Johnson, a former convict, said he acted as pallbearer for the body and stated that it was laid away across the river from Dixie, in Taylor county, at an isolated spot and in a hole filled with water. Witnesses for the lumber company have previously testified that Tabert was buried at Mingo cemetery near Clara, Fla., amid the singing of hymns by townspeople and that an itinerant preacher officiated.

Testimony Conflicts.
The committee at the request of representatives of the lumber company, took under advisement a trip to Clara in an effort to get straight the conflicting versions of the funeral. J. W. Jackson, who testified before the Madison county grand jury which indicted Higginbotham, identified himself as a former guard at the lumber camp and testified that on the night Tabert died he was one of the men ordered by Higginbotham to prepare the body for burial. The witness said there were many bad lacerations on the face and head.

Tom Pope, a negro, said he saved a sentence at the logging camp for running away from a turpentine man. Pope said he saw Tabert whipped, was with him when he died and was one of those who bathed him preparatory to burial. The blood from his wounds had seeped through his night clothes and the bed sheet looked as if a piece of "bloody beef" had been lain on it.

Says All Were Whipped.
W. W. Matthews, former steel gang foreman at the camp thought until an hour before he appeared before the committee that the man he saw given 117 blows by Higginbotham was Tabert, but that he got into an "argument" with another man who witnessed it, named Reeves, just before his appearance before the committee and had come to the conclusion that it was a boy called "South Carolina" Boak, a white who had received the flogging. In the 12 months he was employed by the company he said he saw virtually every one of the some 200 convicts whipped, and not one, to his knowledge, was held to the regulation ten blows, the flogging averaging around 50 or 60 blows. He based his first opinion that it was Tabert on the fact that he saw Tabert after death and his head was bruised and lacerated and his nose broken. It was frequently the practice for Higginbotham to place his foot on the neck of the victim, he testified.

DEPUTIES WANTED.—

The American Brotherhood of Yeomen wants deputies in all parts of Covington, Geneva and Coffee counties, both men and women, to write insurance, from \$500 to \$10,000, at very reasonable rates. If you are interested you can make from \$25 to \$50 per week. For further information write to W. A. PUGH, Dist. Mgr., Andalusia, Alabama.

DR. L. K. OGLETREE VETERINARY SURGEON

Permanently located at Enterprise, will be in Elba every Tuesday, from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. Headquarters at Boyd & Murphree.

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Reported To Inspectors.
"You see," he explained, "when the inspector (state prison inspector) came I had to give him a report showing the average number of whippings." Burch said the average number of blows given and his aggregate lashes averaged about ten to a man. No copy of the prison regulations was posted on the company's premises that he knew of, he said, though he had seen copies. He had been official whipper for four camps but he really believed the strap at the Putnam camp was heavier than any he had ever seen. He estimated its weight to be about five or six pounds. He was asked what would be the effect of twenty-five lashes on a man, and he replied that it was according to who administered them.

Charges Collusion.
In an effort to show that a collusion existed between Sheriff J. R. Jones and County Judge B. T. Willis, both of Leon county, the prosecution counsel, Assistant Attorneys General Gimson and Kneebled, called Jerry M. Poppell, former Leon county jailer, before the committee to testify as to the alleged wholesale number of arrests and convictions brought about after Sheriff Jones entered into an agreement with the Putnam Lumber Company to furnish them prisoners at \$20 a head.

Poppell's testimony also was adduced to bear out the contention that Tabert was arrested, convicted and leased to the lumber company where, after serving only a few weeks, he died, alleged to have been the result of a whipping administered by Walter Higginbotham. Sheriff Got Money, Is Claim. The former jailer who said he was in charge of the Leon jail for 28 years before being discharged for complaints about mistreatment of prisoners, declared Sheriff Jones immediately after entering into the agreement with the lumber company issued orders to his deputies to "get busy for this means money to me."

Poppell testified that Sheriff Jones began a crusade against "gamblers, hoboes and moonshiners" and would average from four to ten arrests a day. Their chief field of operation was meeting freight trains and arresting men as fast as the train crews "would kick them off the cars." This extensive drive became known to the hoboes, he said, so the sheriff and his deputies, including himself, went out at night to round up the hoboes. They had a stand by the railroad tracks, he said, near where the trains would stop at a water tank. It was at this place that the men would get off the trains and take to the highway to get around Tallahassee. Poppell testified that Jones used two automobiles, bringing them back full of prisoners each night.

"We would get back to the court house," testified Poppell, "late at night and on our way Sheriff Jones and we deputies would tell the prisoners the best thing for them to do would be to enter pleas of guilty. On our arrival at the court house some times as late as 10 o'clock at night, all of them who were willing to plead guilty were arraigned. 'How would you get the county judge there at that time of night?' Senator John P. Stokes asked the question.

Charges Judge Got Drunk.
"Oh," responded the witness, "he would be sitting there all the time with his demijohn."

"His what?" Senator Stokes queried.

"His demijohn with which he used to get drunk," Poppell replied.

"Did you ever get drunk yourself?" he was asked.

"Yes, ain't no use lying about it," he replied.

"Then the sheriff was drunk, the deputies were drunk, you were drunk and the county judge was drunk?" asked Senator Stokes.

"Yes, sir."

"And you would gather there, all of you drunk, and try people for being drunk?"

"Yes, sir."

"I thought this was a prohibition town," the senator observed.

"It would seem that it would be, right here at the capitol," the witness agreed.

Later Poppell said he had seen Sheriff Jones take a gallon of confiscated "moonshine" which the court had ordered destroyed, and empty its contents into another jug which the sheriff kept for himself.

"Then what would he do?" queried Senator Stokes.

"He would call the county clerk, Mr. Lang, out into the court yard and ask him to watch while he destroyed the jug," declared Poppell.

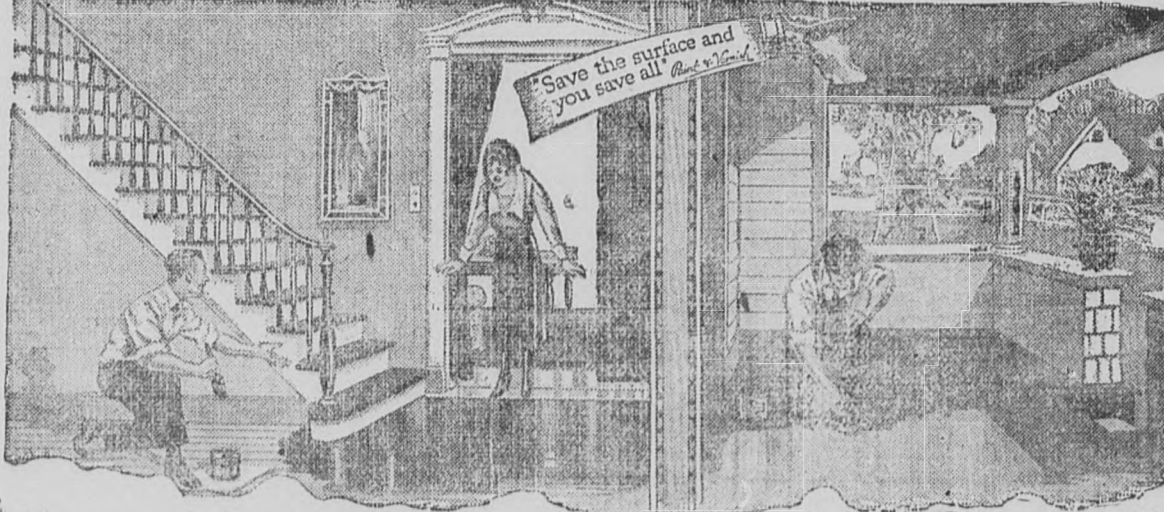
"The jug full of water?" asked Senator Stokes.

Poppell laughed back the reply of "yes sir." Poppell was asked why he had not told Governor Hardie about how Sheriff Jones was conducting his office. He declared Sheriff Jones had come to him and threatened to discharge him if he did tell.

Mr. J. O. Snellgrove, of Enterprise, was a visitor at Elba Tuesday.

All kinds of Feed stuff at Vaughn & Kendrick's.

Miss Estelle Bryant returned the latter part of last week from Dothan where she has been undergoing medical treatment.



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